Jessica Cox Flies with her Feet

By Jisu Pang

1. I was surprised to see Jessica Cox holding the controls on the plane with her feet. And then I saw that she had no arms. I was amazed that she had flexible and strong enough feet to steer a plane! I think that I a great accomplishment and I am happy for her that she knew she couldn’t use her arms (since she was born without them) so she found another way to accomplish her goal of flying. I think she looks very happy and relaxed by her smile and her clothing.
2. She is wearing sunglasses and the ear mufflers that pilots use. She is wearing a short-sleeve black sweater, which makes sense because she doesn’t need a long-sleeve sweater. She is wearing a white shirt and off-white short capri’s. She is holding the controls of the plane with her feet and looks comfortable doing so. She is smiling and looks relaxed. It looks like she is the only on the plane because it is a small white plane.
3. This picture is from an article online. I view this as remarkable and amazing. I think she should be happy to be the first woman to drive a plane with her feet.
4. If I saw her driving a plane in real life, I think I would be shocked to actually see this happening. She was born with no arms, a rare disease. She is the first person to drive a plane with her feet. I think that is history in the making. She will encourage others and give hope.
5. The author of this picture is Glen Davis. He took the picture for an article on Jessica Cox earning her pilot’s license for “121five.com,” a website for General Aviation: Direct and Unfiltered. The company wanted to do an article on Jessica because she earned her Airman’s Certificate in a 1945 Ercoupe 415C. Glen Davis encouraged Jessica to get into flying when she found out that he was giving flying lessons to a young man with spina bifida using the no-rudder-pedal Ercoupe. He was her main instructor.
6. The purpose of this picture was to for the article and also to show the world that people with disabilities can do what non-disabled people can do. Some people look at people with disabilities as if they could not live their lives normally but this picture will prove them wrong.
7. The intended audience is the general public, specifically the aviation community and the disabled community. The disabled community is aware that people with disabilities can still do many things and will not let having no arms stop them from flying a plane. The aviation community has the knowledge of planes that do not need a rudder pedal, like a 1945 Ercoupe 415C.
8. This image of Jessica Cox driving a plane with her feet is true hidden beauty because she changed history by being the first pilot with no arms.
9. It is hidden beauty, when you first look at the picture, you just think it’s interesting because she has no arms. If you know her background and think about her situation longer, you realize that she changed history and has definitely encouraged others to accomplish their dreams. Even if you have a disability and you want to do something but no disabled person has done it before, then be the first one to do it.

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